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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December 1989 was 3.1 percent, increasing 0.3 from the November 1989 rate of 2.8. In December 1988 the state's unemployment rate was 3.5. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 in December 1989 . The national rate was also 5.3 in December 1988.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in December was estimated at 3,440,000, a monthly increase of 28,000 from the November estimate of 3,412,000. From December 1988, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 69,000 people.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for December, moved up to 3,332,000 from 3,318,000 in November for an increase of 14,000 workers. The number employed in December 1989 was 78,000 greater than in December 1988, for an increase of 2.3 percent. The number of persons unemployed increased by 14,000 in December (108,000) from (94,000) November. From a year ago (117,000), the unemployed estimate was down by 11,000.

In December, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment reached 3,061,300, an increase of 6,200 from the prior month's estimate of 3,055,100. An over-the-month loss of 2,800 occurred in manufacturing and a gain of 9,000 in nonmanufacturing.This manufacturing sector loss occurred in machinery, exc. electrical (-1,400), tobacco (-1,600), and textiles (-1,300) . Employment gains in nonmanufacturing were most significant in the trade industry (+12,100) and government(+9,800). The government increase was due to increases in education.

From December 1988-December 1989 a total of 51,400 employees were added to industry payrolls. Manufacturing employment declined by 6,900, to a level of 864,100 as employment in nonmanufacturing was increasing by 58,300 to a level of 2,197,200. The manufacturing losses were largest in electrical equipment (-2,400) and tobacco (-4,500). In nonmanufacturing gains of 4,000 workers occurred in transportation, 30,000 in trade,15,600 in service & miscelleanous and 21,100 in government .

There were 8,145 persons placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in December 1989. Of these,3,316 were placed in manufacturing industries. Almost 2,400 persons founds jobs in the service industry, while 1,378 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 2,047 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,105 in bench work; 1,397 in services, except domestic; and 905 in machine trades.

Production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries earned $8.56 an hour in December. The average hours worked were 40.4, and average weekly earnings amounted to $345.82. There was an increase of $ .27 an hour in average hourly earnings from December 1988 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing were the highest hourly wage earners at $19.62. In nonmanufacturing, the average hourly earnings were highest among workers in communications, & electric, gas & sanitary services at $12.93.

The number of production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries declined by 3,200, from 683,200 in November to 680,000 in December. This decline was spread across the entire sector. The largest over-the-month loser was in tobacco (-900) From December of last year, manufacturing lost 5,000 production workers. This loss occurred throughout the manufacturing sector.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

December 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1989 through December 1989					
	Dec. 1988	July 1989	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,959	5,014	5,016	5,021	5,027	5,032	5,038
Civilian Labor Force	3,371	3,444	3,432	3,454	3,432	3,412	3,440
Participation Rate[1]	68.0	68.9	68.4	68.8	68.2	67.8	68.3
Employed	3,254	3,327	3,304	3,315	3,321	3,318	3,332
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.6	66.4	65.9	66.0	66.1	65.9	66.1
Unemployed	117	117	128	139	111	94	108
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.2	2.8	3.1
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1989 through December 1989		
	Dec. 1988	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,959	5,027	5,032	5,038
Civilian Labor Force	3,358	3,446	3,425	3,417
Participation Rate[1]	67.7	68.5	68.1	67.8
Employed	3,247	3,324	3,328	3,314
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.5	66.1	66.1	65.8
Unemployed	111	106	97	103
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.0
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.6

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

December 1989

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1989 through December 1989					
	Dec. 1988	July 1989	Aug. 1989	Sep. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,402	186,483	186,598	186,726	186,861	187,017	187,165
Civilian Labor Force	122,650	123,956	124,018	124,040	124,105	124,515	124,546
Participation Rate[1]	66.2	66.5	66.5	66.4	66.4	66.6	66.5
Employed	116,141	117,459	117,597	117,456	117,545	117,786	117,888
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.6	63.0	63.0	62.9	62.9	63.0	63.0
Unemployed	6,509	6,497	6,421	6,584	6,561	6,729	6,658
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.3

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1989 through December 1989		
	Dec. 1988	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1989
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	185,402	186,871	187,017	187,017
Civilian Labor Force	122,120	124,416	124,515	124,515
Participation Rate[1]	65.9	66.6	66.6	66.6
Employed	115,978	118,194	117,786	117,786
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.6	63.2	63.0	63.0
Unemployed	6,142	6,222	6,729	6,729
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.0	5.4	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.4

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1988-December 1989

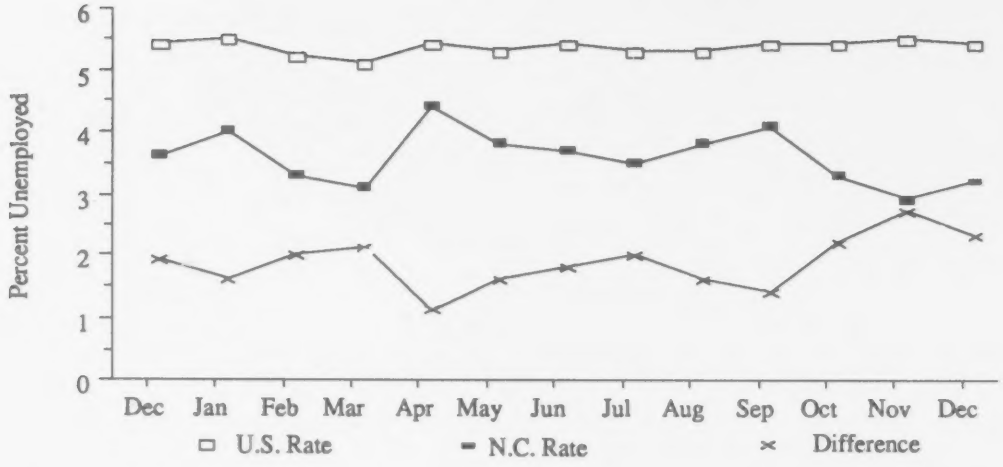

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

December 1988-December 1989

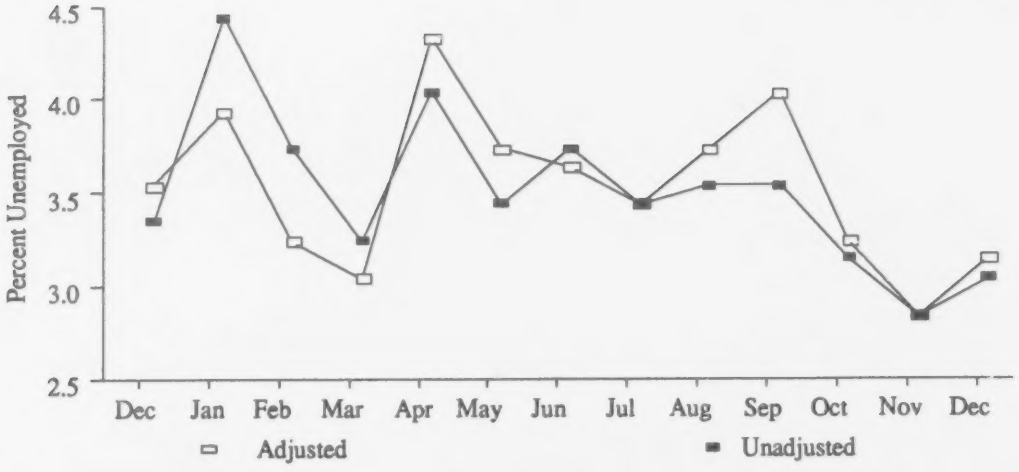

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1989[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Change From: Nov. 1989 Net	Nov. 1989 Percent	Dec. 1988 Net	Dec. 1988 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,417.1	3,425.1	3,358.0	- 8.0	- 0.2	+ 59.1	+ 1.8
Employment, Total	3,314.3	3,328.1	3,247.3	- 13.0	- 0.4	+ 67.0	+ 2.1
Unemployment, Total	102.8	97.0	110.7	+ 5.8	+ 6.0	- 7.9	- 7.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.0	2.8	3.3	+ 0.2	xxx	- 0.3	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,440.0	3,412.0	3,371.0	+ 28.0	+ 0.8	+ 69.0	+ 2.0
Employment, Total	3,332.0	3,318.0	3,254.0	+ 14.0	+ 0.4	+ 78.0	+ 2.4
Unemployment, Total	108.0	94.0	117.0	+ 14.0	+ 14.9	- 9.0	- 7.7
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.1	2.8	3.5	+ 0.3	xxx	- 0.4	xxx
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,061.3	3,055.1	3,009.9	+ 6.2	+ 0.2	+ 51.4	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	864.1	866.9	871.0	- 2.8	- 0.3	- 6.9	- 0.8
Durable Goods	356.0	355.6	355.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	36.3	36.7	- 0.2	- 0.6	- 0.6	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	0.0	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.2	9.3	9.3	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.4	4.4	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.1	- 2.3
Furniture & Fixtures	87.2	87.1	87.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.8
Household Furniture	77.3	77.2	78.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	- 1.0	- 1.3
Wood Household Furniture	39.3	39.6	40.1	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.8	- 2.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.0	32.0	32.9	0.0	0.0	- 0.9	- 2.7

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[2]Revised.
[3]Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
[4]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1989[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Change From: Nov. 1989 Net	Nov. 1989 Percent	Dec. 1988 Net	Dec. 1988 Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.4	21.4	21.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	- 1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Products	12.9	13.0	12.8	- 0.1	- 0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Fabricated Metal Products	30.6	30.9	30.9	- 0.3	- 1.0	- 0.3	- 1.0
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.7	9.8	10.0	- 0.1	- 1.0	- 0.3	- 3.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	65.5	64.1	61.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.2	+ 4.3	+ 7.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.8	7.7	8.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.3	- 0.2	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.2	56.8	58.6	- 0.6	- 1.1	- 2.4	- 4.1
Household Appliances	5.1	5.4	5.8	- 0.3	- 5.6	- 0.7	- 12.1
Transportation Equipment	27.7	27.4	27.4	- 0.3	- 1.1	- 0.3	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods[4]	18.4	18.6	18.9	- 0.2	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 2.6
Nondurable Goods	508.1	511.3	515.3	- 3.2	- 0.6	- 7.2	- 1.4
Food & Kindred Products	51.4	52.5	52.0	- 1.1	- 2.1	- 0.6	- 1.2
Meat Products	24.4	24.7	23.9	- 0.3	- 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Meat Packing Products	2.7	2.8	2.4	- 0.1	- 3.6	+ 0.3	+ 12.5
Dairy Products	2.7	2.9	2.8	- 0.2	- 6.9	- 0.1	- 3.6
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.7	8.7	8.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Beverages	6.4	6.8	6.5	- 0.4	- 5.9	- 0.1	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.5	22.1	25.0	- 1.6	- 7.2	- 4.5	- 18.0
Cigarettes	15.3	15.6	18.6	- 0.3	- 1.9	- 3.3	- 17.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.2	5.5	5.5	- 1.3	- 23.6	- 1.3	- 23.6
Textile Mill Products	219.2	220.5	219.9	- 1.3	- 0.6	- 0.7	- 0.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	53.1	53.0	53.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	- 0.6	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.1	24.1	24.2	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.6	27.6	28.1	0.0	0.0	- 0.5	- 1.8

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Classification	Total Employment Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Change From: Nov. 1989 Net	Nov. 1989 Percent	Dec. 1988 Net	Dec. 1988 Percent
Knitting Mills	84.3	86.2	83.7	- 1.9	- 2.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	24.2	24.2	22.9	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	23.1	22.7	- 0.4	- 1.7	0.0	0.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.3	16.7	15.8	- 0.4	- 2.4	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.9	6.4	- 0.1	- 1.7	- 0.6	- 9.4
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	15.9	16.2	15.5	- 0.3	- 1.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.5	49.7	51.7	- 0.2	- 0.4	- 2.2	- 4.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	86.6	86.3	86.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.7	30.6	30.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.1	34.1	35.8	0.0	0.0	- 1.7	- 4.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.6	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	- 0.2	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.0	9.7	10.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.1	- 0.1	- 1.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.1	8.2	8.1	- 0.1	- 1.2	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	30.3	29.7	29.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Newspapers	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	42.1	42.4	41.5	- 0.3	- 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.7	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misccellaneous Plastic Products	32.2	31.9	34.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	- 1.9	- 5.6
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.1	4.3	4.6	- 0.2	- 4.7	- 0.5	- 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	2,197.2	2,188.2	2,138.9	+ 9.0	+ 0.4	+ 58.3	+ 2.7
Mining	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 0.1	- 2.0	- 0.1	- 2.0
Construction	151.7	161.5	169.5	- 4.4	- 2.7	- 12.4	- 7.3
Transportation	152.5	152.6	148.5	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 4.0	+ 2.7
Transportation, exc. Railroad	93.4	92.9	88.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 5.4	+ 6.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	55.6	56.1	56.6	- 0.5	- 0.9	- 1.0	- 1.8

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				Nov. 1989		Dec. 1988	
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	721.3	709.2	691.3	+ 12.1	+ 1.7	+ 30.0	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	164.9	167.2	163.8	- 2.3	- 1.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.3	99.2	98.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	65.6	68.0	65.4	- 2.4	- 3.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	556.4	542.0	527.5	+ 14.4	+ 2.7	+ 28.9	+ 5.5
General Merchandise Stores	92.5	80.7	72.2	+ 11.8	+ 14.6	+ 20.3	+ 28.1
Food Stores	91.4	89.9	87.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.7	+ 3.7	+ 4.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.2	133.2	132.1	- 1.0	- 0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	552.4	559.7	536.8	- 7.3	- 1.3	+ 15.6	+ 2.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.2	28.0	28.8	- 2.8	- 10.0	- 3.6	- 12.5
Personal Services	32.2	32.4	31.2	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.2	14.1	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Total Government	476.8	467.0	455.7	+ 9.8	+ 2.1	+ 21.1	+ 4.6
Federal	54.8	54.6	53.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
State	139.8	133.1	131.7	+ 6.7	+ 5.0	+ 8.1	+ 6.2
Education	76.3	68.7	69.1	+ 7.6	+ 11.1	+ 7.2	+ 10.4
Other	63.5	64.4	62.6	- 0.9	- 1.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.4
Local	282.2	279.3	270.2	+ 2.9	+ 1.0	+ 12.0	+ 4.4
Education	146.8	142.5	140.2	+ 4.3	+ 3.0	+ 6.6	+ 4.7
Other	142.9	136.0	141.6	+ 6.9	+ 5.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.9
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	260.4	260.8	280.6	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 20.2	- 7.2
Agriculture	42.1	47.1	44.2	- 5.0	- 10.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.8

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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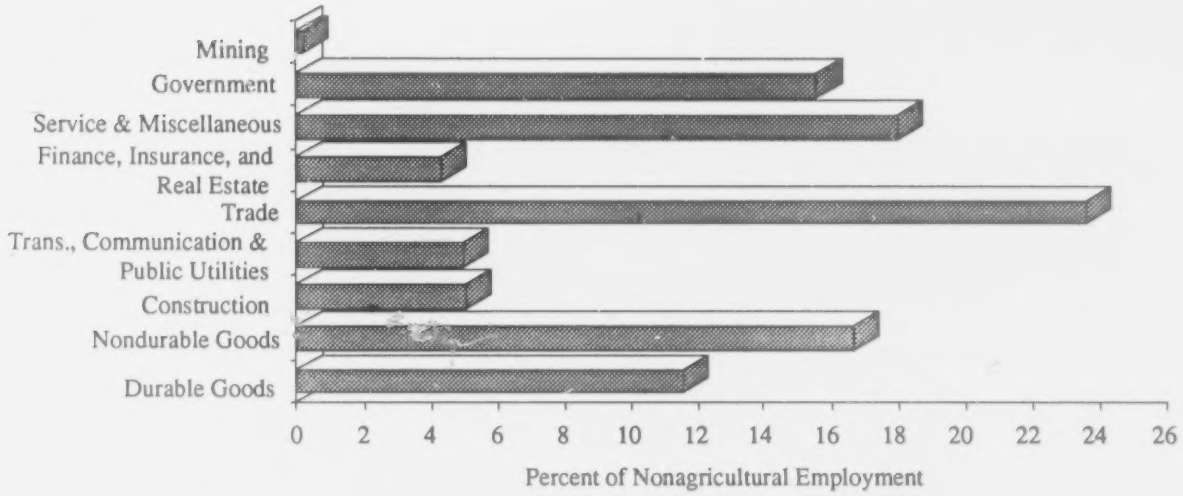

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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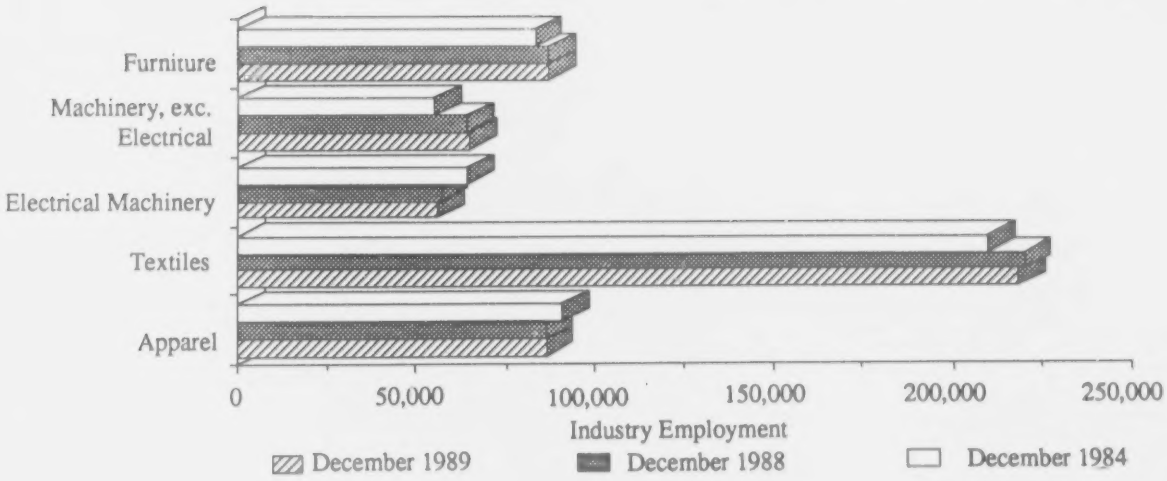

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions December 1989[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2,3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	8,431	8,145	181	10	798
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	287	286	2	0	6
Clerical Occupations	1,069	1,060	4	0	11
Sales Occupations	410	409	1	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	75	58	0	0	1
Other Service Occupations	1,397	1,306	1	1	34
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	353	199	143	0	7
Processing Occupations	456	456	1	5	1
Machine Trade Occupations	905	898	2	1	17
Benchwork Occupations	1,105	1,104	6	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,079	1,047	7	1	690
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	309	292	3	0	18
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,047	1,971	11	1	18
Miscellaneous Occupations	38	38	0	1	1

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Indiviauals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions December 1989[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Goverment
3,316	474	1,378	116	2,374	338	807
39	8	0	13	157	68	137
22	69	365	68	377	71	206
8	15	333	9	34	1	149
0	0	0	0	54	3	4
54	1	411	9	704	127	224
11	1	5	0	12	21	23
416	2	25	0	7	0	1
795	6	30	1	50	2	7
904	1	20	0	184	0	1
205	9	26	8	112	22	
20	131	67	0	47	14	19
914	230	128	10	714	3	9
14	1	2	0	11	8	9

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1988-December 1989

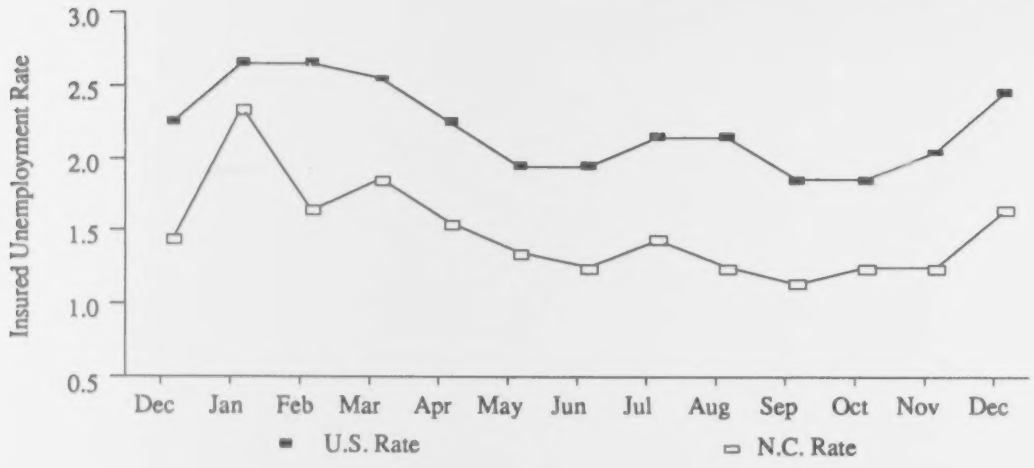

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

December 1989

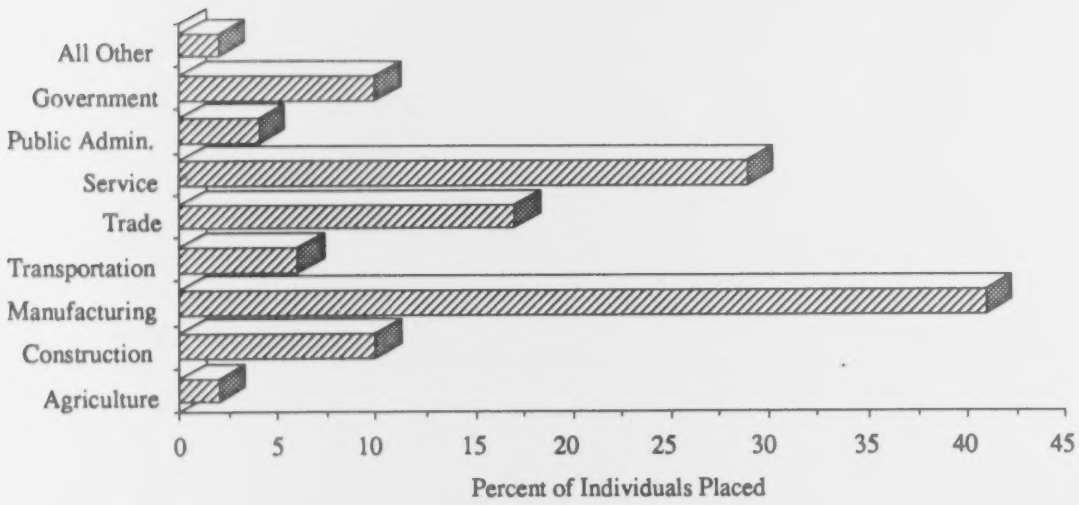

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Percent Change From: Nov. 1989	Dec. 1988
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,079.6	3,082.3	3,030.8	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	867.2	869.6	870.9	- 0.3	- 0.4
Durable Goods	356.1	356.2	356.4	*	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.3	36.3	36.4	0.0	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	12.1	+ 0.8	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.3	9.2	0.0	+ 1.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	- 2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	86.9	87.1	88.5	- 0.2	- 1.8
Household Furniture	77.0	77.2	78.7	- 0.3	- 2.2
Wood Household Furniture	39.3	39.6	40.4	- 0.8	- 2.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.9	32.0	32.7	- 0.3	- 2.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.4	21.5	21.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 1.7	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	12.9	13.0	12.7	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Fabricated Metal Industries	30.6	31.2	31.1	- 1.9	- 1.6
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	9.8	9.9	10.0	- 1.0	- 2.0
Machinery, except Electrical	65.4	64.2	61.5	+ 1.9	+ 6.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.8	7.7	8.0	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.6	57.0	58.7	- 0.7	- 3.6
Household Appliances	5.5	5.9	6.0	- 6.8	- 8.3
Transportation Equipment	27.4	27.3	27.5	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods3	18.6	18.6	18.7	0.0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	511.1	513.4	514.5	- 0.4	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	52.2	52.8	51.5	- 1.1	+ 1.4
Meat Products	24.4	24.8	23.8	- 1.6	+ 2.5
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 3.6	+ 8.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.8	8.8	8.5	0.0	+ 3.5
Beverages	6.4	6.6	6.7	- 3.0	- 4.5

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Percent Change From: Nov. 1989	Dec. 1988
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.5	25.4	- 3.8	- 11.0
Cigarettes	15.3	15.4	18.5	- 0.6	- 17.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.8	7.7	6.4	-11.7	+ 6.3
Textile Mill Products	219.4	220.5	219.4	- 0.5	0.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	53.0	53.1	53.9	- 0.2	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.1	24.2	24.4	- 0.4	- 1.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.5	27.6	28.2	- 0.4	- 2.5
Knitting Mills	85.2	85.7	82.7	0.6	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	24.1	24.1	22.9	0.0	+ 5.2
Hosiery, NEC	22.8	23.0	22.4	- 0.9	+ 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.4	16.5	15.7	- 0.6	+ 4.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.8	6.3	0.0	- 7.9
Textile Finishing, except Wool	16.0	16.3	15.7	- 1.8	+ 1.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.6	49.9	51.8	- 0.6	- 4.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.0	87.1	86.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.2	34.3	35.8	+ 0.3	- 4.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	30.7	30.8	30.4	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.6	22.0	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.9	9.6	10.1	+ 3.1	- 2.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.2	8.3	8.2	- 1.2	0.0
Printing & Publishing	29.8	29.6	29.8	+ 0.7	0.0
Newspapers	10.9	10.9	10.7	0.0	+ 1.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	42.2	42.1	41.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	13.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	32.0	31.9	33.9	+ 0.3	- 5.6
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.2	4.3	4.5	- 2.3	- 6.7

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1988
Nonmanufacturing	2,212.4	2,212.7	2,159.9	*	+ 2.4
Mining	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	160.4	162.8	167.7	- 1.5	- 4.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	153.9	153.5	149.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Transportation, except Railroad	94.6	94.0	89.4	+ 0.6	+ 5.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	55.7	55.8	56.7	- 0.2	- 1.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	724.7	716.4	705.4	+ 1.2	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade	167.2	167.9	163.0	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.3	99.5	98.3	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	67.9	68.4	64.7	- 0.7	+ 4.9
Retail Trade	557.5	548.5	542.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.8
General Merchandise Stores	90.3	85.0	81.9	+ 6.2	+ 10.3
Food Stores	90.7	89.7	88.1	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.9	132.9	131.4	0.0	+ 1.1
Service & Miscellaneous5	555.7	559.1	532.0	- 0.6	+ 4.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26.5	27.4	26.6	- 3.3	- 0.4
Personal Services	31.8	32.0	31.0	- 0.6	+ 2.6
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.2	14.2	14.1	0.0	+ 0.7
Health Services	143.0	142.8	135.3	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
Hospitals	60.3	60.1	55.1	+ 0.3	+ 9.4
Legal Services	13.5	13.5	13.0	0.0	+ 3.8
Education Services	34.1	35.2	34.1	- 3.1	0.0
Total Government	479.8	483.0	468.6	- 0.7	+ 2.4
Federal	55.0	54.8	54.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
State	138.3	140.6	136.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.4
Education	74.5	76.3	74.6	- 2.4	- 0.1
Other	63.8	64.3	61.8	- 0.8	+ 3.2
Local	286.5	287.6	278.0	- 0.4	+ 3.1
Education	151.5	151.2	148.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Other	135.0	136.4	129.1	- 1.0	+ 4.6

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

December 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			AverageHourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988
Manufacturing	$345.82	$345.14	$340.72	40.4	40.7	41.1	$8.56	$8.48	$8.29
Durable Goods	368.67	361.42	360.32	41.1	40.7	41.8	8.97	8.88	8.62
Lumber & Wood Products	318.33	313.53	308.90	40.5	40.3	41.8	7.86	7.78	7.39
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	316.52	320.08	309.44	41.0	41.3	42.1	7.72	7.75	7.35
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	339.44	328.75	312.82	37.8	37.4	39.9	8.98	8.79	7.84
Furniture & Fixtures	316.01	303.34	306.40	39.6	38.3	40.0	7.98	7.92	7.66
Household Furniture	314.42	300.99	304.80	39.6	38.1	40.0	7.94	7.90	7.62
Wood Household Furniture	301.25	291.61	292.33	40.6	39.3	41.0	7.42	7.42	7.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	382.15	392.89	382.72	40.1	41.4	41.6	9.53	9.49	9.20
Structural Clay Products	337.82	340.25	311.04	41.4	41.8	40.5	8.16	8.14	7.68
Primary Metal Industries	458.80	433.24	438.86	44.2	42.6	44.6	10.38	10.17	9.84
Fabricated Metal Industries	427.85	403.85	398.41	42.7	42.2	43.4	10.02	9.57	9.18
Machinery, exc. Electrical	412.25	408.20	415.53	42.5	42.3	44.3	9.70	9.65	9.38
Special Industry Machinery	429.94	407.45	401.36	44.6	43.3	44.3	9.64	9.41	9.06
Electrical Machinery	388.83	386.06	397.74	41.9	42.1	42.0	9.28	9.17	9.47
Household Appliances	276.50	304.83	266.34	39.5	44.5	39.4	7.00	6.85	6.76
Transportation Equipment	423.11	421.84	400.01	42.1	42.1	42.6	10.05	10.02	9.39
Nondurable Goods	330.77	334.54	327.64	39.9	40.6	40.6	8.29	8.24	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	329.72	317.89	308.90	42.6	41.5	42.2	7.74	7.66	7.32
Meat Products	294.14	279.71	277.35	43.2	41.5	43.0	6.81	6.74	6.45
Meat Packing Products	413.42	407.75	413.17	49.1	48.6	49.6	8.42	8.39	8.33

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

December 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988
Dairy Products	348.30	328.42	318.86	44.2	43.1	42.8	7.88	7.62	7.45
Grain Mill Products	351.82	337.81	366.28	42.8	41.5	45.5	8.22	8.14	8.05
Bakery Products	350.20	340.68	341.78	42.5	40.8	43.1	8.24	8.35	7.93
Beverages	563.12	531.19	487.18	40.6	39.7	38.3	13.87	13.38	12.72
Tobacco Manufacturers	554.90	542.92	560.17	37.9	39.6	39.2	14.68	13.71	14.29
Cigarettes	725.94	722.69	695.77	37.0	38.4	39.6	19.62	18.82	17.57
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	240.86	247.99	227.08	39.1	41.4	38.1	6.16	5.99	5.96
Textile Mill Products	302.04	309.96	294.44	39.9	41.0	40.5	7.57	7.56	7.27
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	344.86	354.45	316.41	41.4	42.5	39.9	8.33	8.34	7.93
Weaving Mills, Cotton	358.28	364.13	296.35	42.5	43.4	37.8	8.43	8.39	7.84
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	333.32	346.10	332.80	40.5	41.8	41.6	8.23	8.28	8.00
Knitting Mills	268.87	277.69	270.86	38.3	39.5	39.6	7.02	7.03	6.84
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	247.65	254.51	253.84	38.1	39.2	39.6	6.50	6.49	6.41
Hosiery, NEC	241.65	265.10	232.85	35.8	38.7	36.1	6.75	6.85	6.45
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	300.29	307.93	327.42	39.1	40.2	42.8	7.68	7.66	7.65
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	345.23	333.80	359.07	43.1	42.2	45.8	8.01	7.91	7.84
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	318.65	322.34	320.97	40.8	41.7	42.4	7.81	7.73	7.57
Yarn & Thread Mills	298.75	307.19	294.88	40.1	41.4	41.3	7.45	7.42	7.14
Apparel & Other Textile Products	219.32	226.18	219.26	37.3	38.4	38.4	5.88	5.89	5.71
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	197.11	209.24	199.39	36.3	37.7	37.2	5.43	5.55	5.36
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	224.46	223.80	220.75	37.1	37.3	37.8	6.05	6.00	5.84

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Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

December 1989[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988	Dec. 1989	Nov.[3] 1989	Dec.[3] 1988
Paper & Allied Products	537.24	536.35	528.64	44.0	44.4	44.8	12.21	12.08	11.80
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	731.91	723.58	717.91	46.5	46.0	46.8	15.74	15.73	15.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	411.51	413.95	400.20	43.0	43.3	43.5	9.57	9.56	9.20
Printing & Publishing	383.68	380.54	384.80	38.6	38.4	40.0	9.94	9.91	9.62
Newspapers	311.75	311.14	298.49	33.2	33.6	33.5	9.39	9.26	8.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	477.91	483.66	472.18	42.9	43.3	43.2	11.14	11.17	10.93
Plastics & Synthetics	506.99	517.52	516.10	41.9	42.7	44.3	12.10	12.12	11.65
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	408.84	400.20	429.84	40.6	39.9	42.1	10.07	10.03	10.21
Mining	421.00	456.87	450.60	43.9	47.1	48.4	9.59	9.70	9.31
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	566.33	556.39	544.94	43.8	43.4	43.7	12.93	12.82	12.47
Wholesale & Retail Trade	220.88	217.35	215.71	31.6	31.5	32.1	6.99	6.90	6.72
Wholesale Trade	357.63	353.46	340.17	39.0	39.1	39.1	9.17	9.04	8.70
Retail Trade	182.90	179.63	181.80	29.5	29.4	30.2	6.20	6.11	6.02
General Merchandise Stores	193.20	172.08	187.87	30.0	27.8	30.4	6.44	6.19	6.18
Food Stores	184.67	184.38	182.71	29.5	29.5	30.1	6.26	6.25	6.07
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	159.67	158.30	148.84	29.9	30.5	28.9	5.34	5.19	5.15
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	219.36	219.73	217.20	33.8	35.1	36.2	6.49	6.26	6.00

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

December 1989

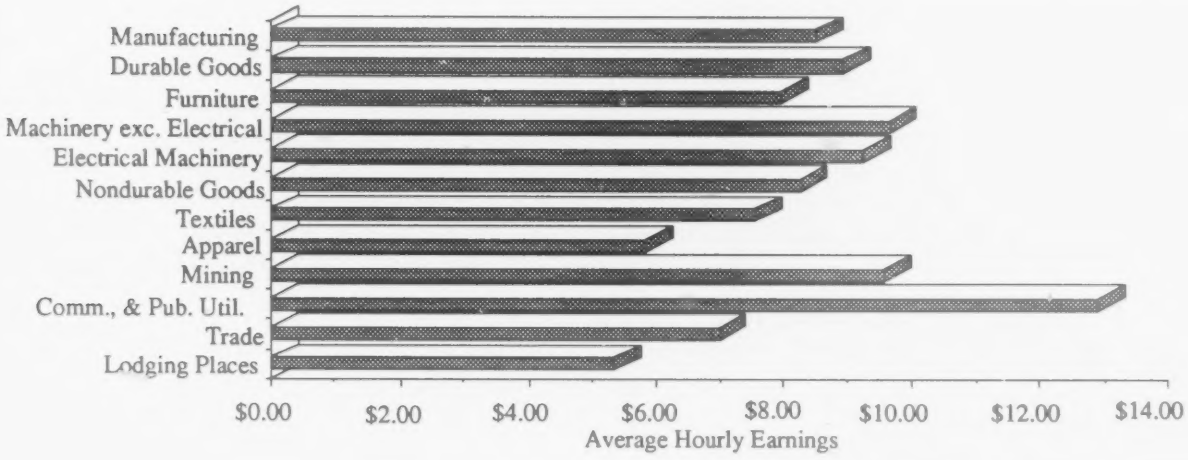

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

December 1989

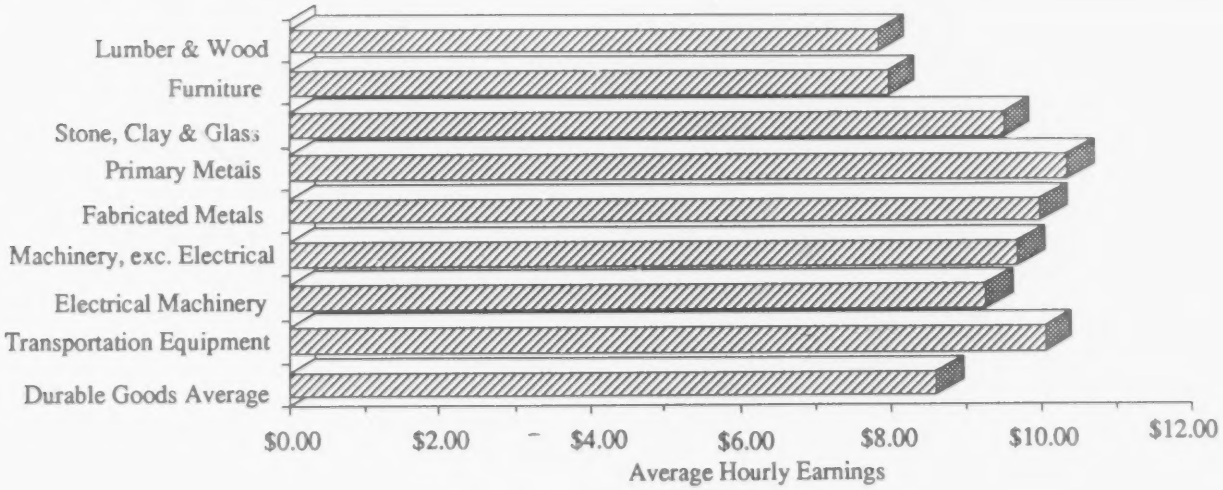

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

December 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1988
Manufacturing	680.0	683.2	685.0	- 0.5	- 0.7
Durable Goods	264.2	265.0	266.4	- 0.3	- 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	30.5	30.6	30.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.6	7.7	7.7	- 1.3	- 1.3
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	75.9	75.9	77.3	0.0	- 1.8
Household Furniture	67.8	67.8	69.1	0.0	- 1.9
Wood Household Furniture	35.7	35.9	36.6	- 0.6	- 2.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	17.0	17.2	16.9	- 1.2	+ 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	- 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	+ 2.1
Fabricated Metal Industries	22.3	22.7	23.0	- 1.8	- 3.0
Machinery, except Electrical	32.7	32.5	30.9	+ 0.6	+ 5.8
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.0	5.3	+ 2.0	- 3.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	40.3	40.6	41.9	- 0.7	- 3.8
Household Appliances	5.2	5.2	5.2	- 5.8	- 5.8
Transportation Equipment	21.9	21.8	22.5	+ 0.5	- 2.7
Other Durable Goods[3]	13.8	13.9	13.9	- 0.7	- 0.7
Nondurable Goods	415.8	418.2	418.6	- 0.6	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	37.4	37.9	36.5	- 1.3	+ 2.5
Meat Products	21.1	21.5	20.8	- 1.9	+ 1.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.0	2.1	1.8	- 4.8	+ 11.1
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	- 6.3
Grain Mill Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Bakery Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	+ 4.1

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

December 1989[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1989	Nov.[2] 1989	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1989	Dec. 1988
Beverages	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.1	18.0	19.5	- 5.0	- 12.3
Cigarettes	11.0	11.1	13.7	- 0.9	- 19.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.8	6.6	5.4	- 12.1	+ 7.4
Textile Mill Products	193.2	194.3	193.9	- 0.6	- 0.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	47.2	47.3	48.1	- 0.2	- 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	21.5	21.5	21.7	0.0	- 0.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.7	25.4	- 0.4	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	75.0	75.5	73.3	- 0.7	+ 2.3
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	21.3	21.4	20.2	- 0.5	+ 4.9
Hosiery, NEC	20.6	20.9	20.3	- 1.4	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.4	14.5	13.7	- 0.7	+ 5.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	4.7	4.7	5.4	0.0	- 13.0
Textile Finishing, except Wool	13.5	13.7	13.1	- 1.5	+ 3.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	44.9	45.1	46.8	- 0.4	- 4.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	75.7	75.9	75.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.8	26.9	26.4	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.5	29.7	30.9	- 0.7	- 4.5
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.7	16.5	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.3	7.1	7.1	+ 2.8	+ 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.3	6.4	6.3	- 1.6	0.0
Printing & Publishing	18.4	18.2	18.4	+ 1.1	0.0
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.7	27.7	26.9	0.0	+ 3.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.0	9.9	9.7	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	25.9	25.8	27.7	+ 0.4	- 6.5
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.6	3.7	3.8	- 2.7	- 5.3

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

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